

Claim 1 (currently amended) A stretchable, supportive bandage comprising:
a ~~gel~~ first layer of a silicone gel, said first layer having a skin contacting surface and an adhesion surface opposite the skin contacting surface; and
a second layer of an elastic and supportive ~~stretchable~~ carrier, said second layer having an outer surface and an adhesion surface bonded to the adhesion surface of the ~~gel~~ first layer to the stretchable, supportive bandage form a continuous two ply composite; wherein said carrier is the stretchable loop portion of a hook and loop fastener, said loop portion having a loop surface and an opposite adhesion surface.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously amended) The bandage of Claim 1, wherein the carrier has an elastic modulus of about 50%.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended) The bandage of Claim [4] 1, further comprising a closure strip removably around a part of the body.

Claims 6-27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (previously presented) The bandage of Claim 1, wherein the gel layer contains an additive.

Claim 29 (previously presented) The bandage of Claim 1, which is in the form of a sheet or a roll.

Claim 30 (canceled)

Claim 31 (currently amended) The bandage of Claim ~~30~~ 1, wherein the silicone gel is a cured polydiorganosiloxane resin.

Claim 32 (currently amended) The bandage of Claim ~~30~~ 1, wherein the silicone gel contains an additive which is a topical medication or an ~~emolient~~ emollient.

Claims 33 - 35(canceled)

Claim 36 (currently amended) The bandage of Claim ~~35~~ 5, wherein the bandage is secured around the body part with the closure strip, whereby the secured bandage provides musculo-skeletal support to the bandaged body part.

Claim 37 (previously presented) The bandage of Claim 36, wherein the body part is a joint or a muscle.

Claim 38 (previously presented) The bandage of Claim 37, wherein the joint is a knee, an ankle, a wrist, or an elbow.

Claim 39 (previously presented) The bandage of Claim ~~30~~ 36, for use in a veterinary application.